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SUBJECT: REPORTED DAYAN VIEWS ON NEW DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN
MIDDLE EAST

REF: TEL AVIV 7104

1. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, BOTH ESHED AND MARGALIT HAVE PIECES
IN DAVAR AND HAARETZ SEPT 11 SAYING DAYAN EXPECTS NEW US
DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS IN MIDDLE EAST WITHIN NEXT TWO OR THREE
MONTHS. ARTICLES ARE SUFFICIENTLY SIMILAR TO SUGGEST THEY
RESULTED FROM BACKGROUNDER BY DAYAN OR SOMEONE CLOSE TO
HIM.

2. FOLLOWING ARE MAIN POINTS:

A) INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE IS BECOMING MORE FAVORABLE TO
ARABS, WITH UK LINING UP WITH FRANCE AND WITH ARABS
PRESSING THEIR OFFENSIVES IN VARIOUS MULTILATERAL FORUMS;
US INITIATIVE IS LESSER OF EVILS, AND ISRAEL SHOULD NOT
REACT COOLLY WHEN ONE EVENTUATES IN NEAR FUTURE

B) ARAB STATES WOULD PREFER NEW DIPLOMATIC ROUND TO

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C) ALTHOUGH UNILATERAL ISRAELI DECLARATION TO START ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN MOVEMENT WOULD BE UNWISE, ISRAEL IN FACT HAS OFFERS OF OPENING TO MAKE WHICH WOULD AMOUNT TO MORE THAN MERE GESTURE

D) THERE IS NO INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN DAYAN VIEW THAT GOI SHOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO NEW US INITIATIVE AND DAYAN INSISTENCE ON IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW LABOR PARTY PLATFORM ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES; PLATFORM DOES NOT CONTAIN ANYTHING REVOLUTIONARY OR ANYTHING THAT SHOULD CAUSE INTERNATIONAL UPROAR OR ATTRACT INTERNATIONAL INTEREST

E) GOI WILL PROCEED CAUTIOUSLY IN IMPLEMENTING PLATFORM, AS IT DID IN REFRAINING FROM ANNEXING ANATOT TO JERUSALEM; PLATFORM MAKES POSSIBLE CONTINUED TAFTLING AT RAFAH JUNCTION, PLUS SOME PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION AT KIRYAT ARBA AND KALKILYA; IT ALSO BOLSTERS OPEN BRIDGES POLICY, AND GOI PERMITTING WEST BANK TOWNS TO ACCEPT LOANS FROM JORDAN AND WEST BANK NOTABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN JORDANIAN PARLIAMENT, AND ALSO IS LOOKING FOR ARAB CANDIDATES FOR STAFF POSITIONS IN OCCUPATION ADMINISTRATION; FINALLY, PLATFORM ENVISAGES REFUGEE REHABILITATION, FOR WHICH NEITHER REFUGEES NOR ISRAEL WERE READY UNTIL NOW.

3. COMMENT. WHILE IT IS NOT CLEAR WHY BACKGROUNDER WOULD HAVE INCLUDED TALK OF IMMINENT NEW US INITIATIVE ON MIDDLE EAST, DESCRIPTION OF LABOR PARTY PLATFORM ON TERRITORIES AS CONSTRUCTIVE AND NON-REVOLUTIONARY IS UNDOUBTEDLY A REACTION TO NEGATIVE PRESS COMMENTARY ABROAD.
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